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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VOTE BY REGION

REF: (A) USUN 6074; (B) USUN 5705 (NOTAL); (C) USUN 5701
(NOTAL); (D) USUN 5651 (NOTAL); (E) USUN 5648 (NOTAL); (F) USUN
5652 (NOTAL)

1. AS REPORTED (REF (A)), THE FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES ON
(A) THE US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON KOREAN AND (B) THE COMMUNIST-
SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON KOREA WERE : (A) 59(US-51-29; AND
(B) 54 54-43(US-42. REGIONAL VOTES ARE GIVEN IN SUBSEQUENT PARA-
GRAPHS. AS EXPECTED, BOTH RESOLUTIONS CARRIED AND VOTING
PATTERNS DID NOT CHANGE MARKEDLY FROM THOS IN THE FIRST
COMMITTEE. DESPOITE A PLETHORT OF RUMORS OF PROCEDURAL PLOYS,
NONE WERE ATTEMPTED AND THE TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE PUT TO THE VOTE
IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER. EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE BEFORE AND
AFTER THE VOTE WERE FEW AND WERE RELATIVELY BRIEF AND NON-
POLEMIC. THE ATMOSPHERE WERE LESS CHARGED THAN IN FIRST
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2. ARA: REGIONAL VOTES FOLLOW WITH FIRST COMMITTEE VOTES IN BRACKETS: (A) 18(US)-2-6 BEGIN BRACKETS 17-2-6 END BRACKETS; (B) 3-15(US)-8 BEGIN BRACKETS 2-15-8 END BRACKETS. AS COMPARED TO THE FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE, ECUADOR MADE A WELCOME SWITCH FROM ABSTENTION TO SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS AN AVOWED BOW TO US CONCERNS AND INTERESTS. AS WE HAD HEARD EARLIER, PANAMA HAS APPARENTLY CONCLUDED THAT ITS CANAL POSITION WILL BE ENHANCED BY ATTACKING THE US AND BY APPEALING TO THE NON-ALIGNED. CONSEQUENTLY, PANAMA, WHICH ABSENTED ITSELF FROM THE FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE, WAS PRESENT AND SUPPORTED THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN AS IN REF (B), EXCEPT FOR PANAMA AND ECUADOR. THE FORMER MERITS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG CRITICISM. PANAMA CHOSE TO BECOME ONE OF ONLY THREE COUNTRIES IN ARA TO SUPPORT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, ALONG WITH CUBA AND GUYANA. THE SPECTACLE OF PERMREP BOYD EMBRACING THE SENIOR DPRK REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTH KOREAN TV CAMERAS LEFT A SINGULARLY UNPLEASANT AFTER-TASTE.

3. NEA: REGIONAL VOTES WERE: (A) 7 (US)-8-11; BEGIN BRACKETS 7-8-12 END BRACKETS; AND (B) 7-3(US)-16 BEGIN BRACKETS 7-3-17 END BRACKETS. BANGLADESH WHICH ABSTAINED THROUGHOUT IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE VOTING WAS ABSENT FOR THE PLENARY VOTING. THUS, THERE WAS NO SHIFT IN NEA VOTING. BAROODY (SUADI ARABIA) SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY PREDICTABLY TO MAKE AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE. HE ATTACKED BOTH US AND USSR AND MADE CLEAR THAT HIS VOTES FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST THE HOSTILE WERE RELUCTANT AND ONLY THE BEST OF THE POOR CHOICES AVAILABLE. DESPITE HIGH-LEVEL ASSURANCES TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN SANA TO THE CONTRARY, THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC MAINTAINED ITS FIRST COMMITTEE POSITION AND VOTED AGAINST THE FRIENDLY AND FOR THE HOSTILE. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THE SAME AS IN REF (C).

4 EUR: THE ELEVEN EE AND SOV VOTES REMAINED SOLIDLY AGAINST US. REGIONAL VOTES FOR THE REST OF EUR WERE: (A) 18(US) -1-2 BEGIN BRACKETS 18-1-2 END BRACKETS; (B) 1-14(US)-6 BEGIN BRACKETS 1-13-7 END BRACKETS. THE ONLY CHANGE IN EUR WAS TURKEY'S SWITCH FROM ABSTENTION TO "NO" ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THE SWITCH WAS A MARKED GESTURE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR DIRECTION SINCE THE CYPRUS VOTE HAD NOT YET BEEN TAKEN. GREECE CONTINUED TO PLEAD CYPRUS AS THE CAUSE OF ITS ABSTENTION ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN THE SAME AS IN REF D), EXCEPT FOR TURKEY. TURKEY'S SHIFT DESERVES OUR RECOGNITION.

5. EA: REGIONAL VOTES WERE : (A) 7(US)-14-4 BEGIN BRACKETS 7-4-4 END BRACKETS; (B) 5-3(US)-7 BEGIN BRACKETS 5-2-8 END

BRACKETS. AUSTRALIA SWITCHED FROM ABSTENTION TO "NO" ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IN AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE, AMBASSADOR HARRY SAID THA AUSTRALIANS HAD SOUGHT COMPROMISE BUT HAD BEEN REBUFFED BY THE NORHT KOREANS. CONSEQUENTLY, AUSTRALIA WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. EXCEPT FOR AUSTRALIA, USUN RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN THE SAME AS IN REF (E).

6. AF: REGIONAL VOTES WERE : (A) 8(US)-25-6 BEGIN BRACKETS)-25-5 END BRACKETS; (B) 27-7(US)-5 BEGIN BRACKETS 25 -4-10 END BRACKETS. ADMISSION OF THE COMOROS TO THE UN INCREASED THE "PARTY-LINE" VOTE AGAINST US ON THE KOREAN QUESTION, AND PROBABLY ON ALL FUTURE ISSUES. THE GAMBIA, A COSPONSOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT. BALANCING GAMBI

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WAS THE BASENCE OF UPPER VOLTA, AS PROMISED. UNLIKE ITS FIRST COMMITTEE ABSENCE, UGANDA ATTENDED AND VOTED FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND ABSTAINED ON THE FRIENDLY. CHAD SWITCHED FROM ABSTENTION TO "YES" ON THE HOSTILE. CHAD'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE WAS SHORT, MILD, AND ATTRIBUTED GOOD MOTIVES TO THE SPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. DESPITE ACCRA'S PROMISE TO ABSTAIN ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, GHANA VOTED AGAINST US ALL THE WAY. IN NEW YORK, THE GHANAIS CLAIMED THAT, AS CO-SPONSORS OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, THEY COULD NOT DE LESS THAN GIVE THEIR SIDE FULL SUPPORT. ON THE PLUS SIDE, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, GABON, AND IVORY COAST SWITCHED FROM ABSTENTION TO "NO" ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN THE SAME AS IN REF (F) EXCEPT TO ADD THE GAMBIA TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH MERIT CRITICISM. THOSE SEVEN COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN PLENARY DESERVE SOME RECOGNITION FROM US IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE PRESSURES TO WHICH THEY WERE SUBJEVTEED BY THE COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED SIDE.

7. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO COMPARE THE VOTING PATTERNS OF
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SUB-SAHARAN COUNTRIES (ALL THE AF BUREAU COUNTRIES): WHITH THOSE SIGNIFICANT MUSLIM POPULATION AND THOSE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT MUSLIM INFLUENCE. OF THE NINE COUNTRIES IN THE FIRST CATEGORY VOTES ERE AS FOLLOWS: (A) 0(US)-5-4 , (B) 7-0(US)-2. FOR THE THIRTY-TWO COUNTRIES OF THE SECOND CATEGORY VOTES WERE: (A) 8(US)-19-5, (B) 20-7(US)-5. (ABSENCEES ARE COUNTED AS ABSTENTIONS. SOUTH AFRICA IS EXCLUDED THROUGHOUT THIS PARAGRAPH).

8. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS.
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